

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 are presented for consideration, with both claims being independent.

Initially, Applicant respectfully wishes to thank the Examiner for withdrawing the Office Action of October 26, 2005, and issuing a subsequent non-final Office Action on January 17, 2006.

In the Office Action of January 17, 2006, Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Bruning '536 in view of Ludtke '441. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 of Applicant's invention relates to a display system comprising an image processing device, a first display device for displaying an image on a first display unit, and a second display device for displaying an image on a second display unit. A first coordinate value input device is provided in correspondence with the first display unit, and a second coordinate value input device is provided in correspondence with the second display unit. The first and second display devices divisionally display an image processed by the image processing device, with the first display having an input unit for receiving data from the first coordinate value input device and receiving data directly from the second coordinate value input device. As amended, Claim 1 includes a conversion unit for converting the coordinate data input inputted by the second display device into coordinate information, with an origin disposed on a predetermined position in the first display device.

Support for the amendments to Claim 1 can be found, for example, in Figure 2 and the accompanying specification beginning on page 9, line 19 of the specification. In accordance with Applicant's claimed invention, a high performance display system can be provided.

The primary citation to Bruning relates to a presentation display system having an input device, or marking device, 20 and one or more user nodes 24 (see Figure 6). In Bruning, a first display device (presentation device 14 and screen 16) and a second display device (personal viewing device 34) both receive a manual input, for example, by the marking device 20.

The Office Action acknowledges that Bruning does not provide the first and second display devices divisionally displaying an image and compensates for this deficiency with the secondary citation to Ludtke. In Ludtke, an apparatus is provided for partitioning, scaling and displaying video across several display devices.

Initially, it is respectfully submitted that it would not have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Bruning in view of Ludtke in the manner proposed in the Office Action, as Bruning is understood to display the same image on each display device. Regardless, it is submitted that the proposed combination of art still fails to teach or suggest, among other features, converting coordinate data input inputted by the second display device into coordinate information, with an origin disposed on a predetermined position in the first display device.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

It is also submitted that new Claim 9 is patentable over the cited art. In Claim 9, a signal processing method is provided in a first display device wherein the first display device operates in combination with a second display device to perform divisional displaying in a display system. The steps include outputting, to an information processing device connected to the first display device, coordinate information inputted by the first display device, receiving by the first display device, coordinate information inputted by the second display device, and converting the coordinate information received into coordinate information, wherein an origin is disposed on a predetermined position in the first display device. In addition, coordinate information derived by the conversion is outputted to the information processing device. Support for the features of Claim 9 can be found, for example, in Figure 2 and the accompanying specification.

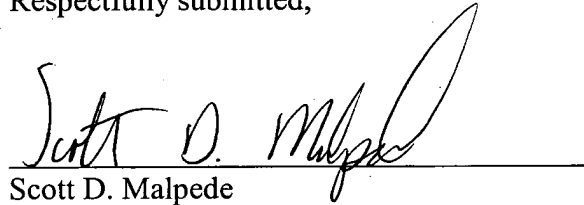
Accordingly, it is submitted that Applicant's invention as set forth in independent Claims 1 and 9 is patentable over the cited art.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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